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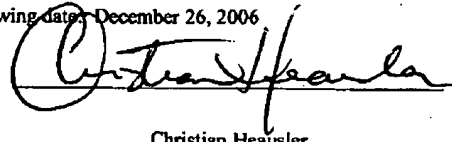
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated October 02, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 02, 2007, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification**, beginning on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawing**, beginning on page 7, with a replacement drawing submitted on a replacement sheet (1 sheet) as Attachment A.

**Amendments to the Claims**, beginning on page 8.

**Remarks**, beginning on page 12.